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Rail Freight Traffic through Kuestrie

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1. The following numbers of cars passed through the Kuestrin border station, in the directions indicated between 5 September and 3 October 1954:

B	-	boxcar
F	-	flatcar
G	-	gondola car
T	-	tank car

5 to 16 September:

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Westbound

352 B
21 F } with undetermined load
21 T }

373 cars transit traffic to Czechoslovakia

799 B }
13 G } empty
88 F }

Eastbound

767 B)
18 C) including 629 cars to Poland and 240 cars to the USSR;
84 F) undetermined load

1,204 G)
2 B) empty Polish cars

17 September to 3 October:

Westbound

885 B }
19 G } including 216 boxcars with troops and 632 boxcars to Czechoslovakia
with undetermined load
585 B }
109 F } empty
11 G }

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Eastbound

- 1,186 B)
 97 F) including 1,159 cars to Poland and 216 cars to the USSR;
 91 G) undetermined load
- 370 B)
 1,303 G) empty including 361 boxcars and 7 gondola cars to the USSR
 for troop shipments and 1,296 gondola cars to Poland for coal shipments

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2. On 1 October, a branch office of the DMZ Kohle was established at the Kietz railroad station. Between 6 and 10 October, five to six coal shipments arrived daily at Kietz. Between 4 and 6 October, four trains of empty gondola cars were dispatched daily to Poland; between 6 and 10 October, 5 to 6 trains of empty gondola cars were dispatched daily to Poland. 2

1. [] Comment. The boxcars with troops or for troop shipments are connected with the personnel exchange program which started in late September.

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2. [] Comment. This information confirms previous information [] according to which hard coal shipments from Poland are directed through the Kuestrin border station although this indicates a longer route. [] In late 1953 and early 1954, Kuestrin was used as border crossing point for hard coal shipments.

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